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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96G-0035]

Sankyo Co., Ltd.; Withdrawal of GRAS Affirmation Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a petition (GRASP 6G0420) proposing to affirm that the use of dextranase enzyme preparation derived from Chaetomium gracile is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) in cane and beet sugar processing.

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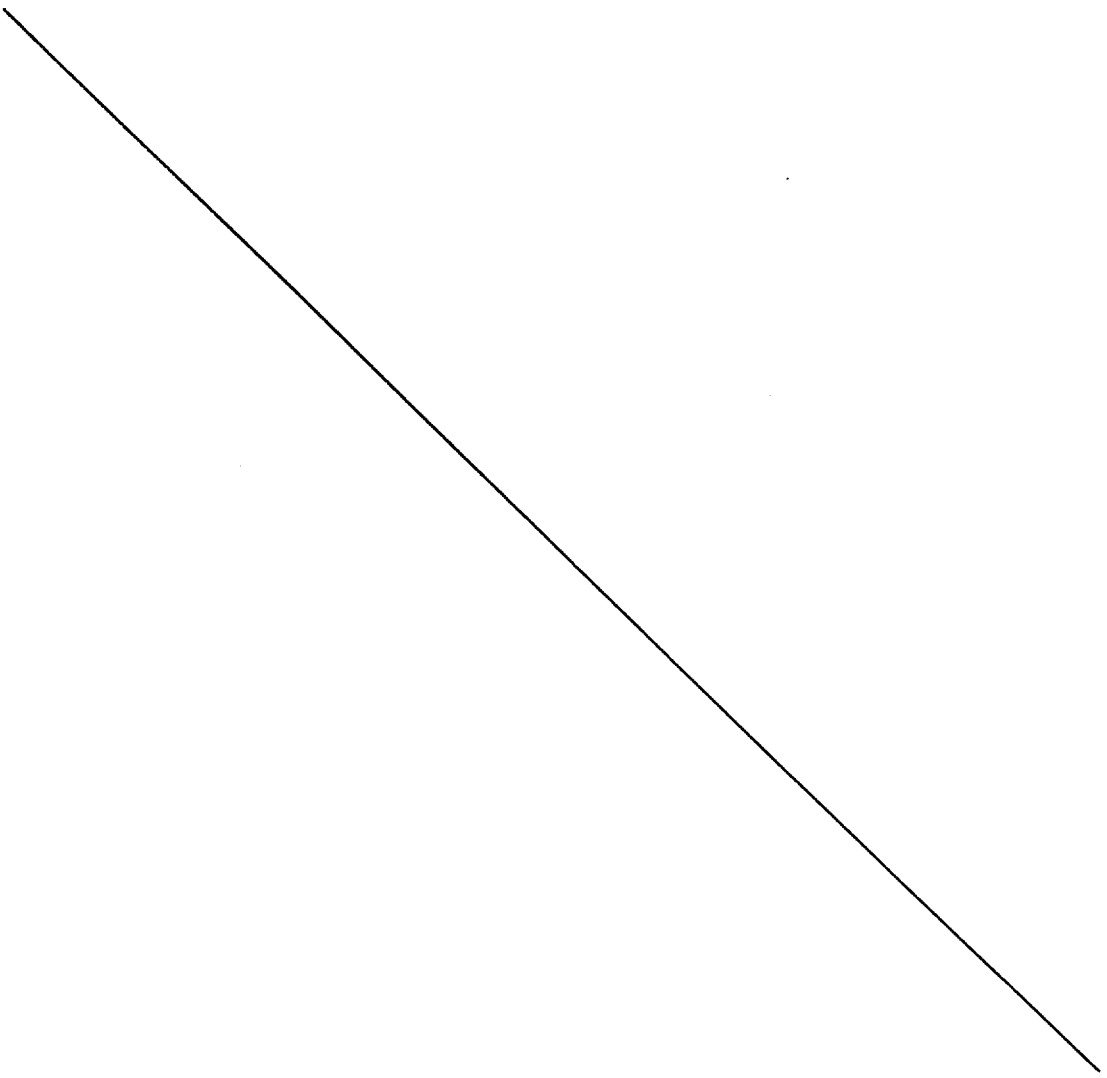
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of February 14, 1996 (61 FR 5787), FDA announced that a petition (GRASP 6G0420) had been filed by Solvay Enzymes, Inc., c/o 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001 (now, Sankyo Co., Ltd., No. 7-12, Ginza 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-8113, Japan). This petition proposed that the use of dextranase

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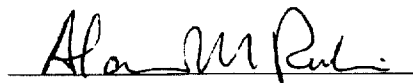
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enzyme preparation derived from *Chaetomium gracile* in cane and beet sugar processing be affirmed as GRAS.



Sankyo has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

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